Editorial Note: Outlook of the Review of Socionetwork Strategies in 2018

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1 Introduction

The editorial board of the *Review of Socionetwork Strategies* received seventeen papers from 31 October 2017 to 26 October 2018. Eleven papers were accepted as articles, and one as a research note. Two were withdrawn. Four are on the process of reviewing by two anonymous referees.

I would like to review the situation of the *Review of Socionetwork Strategies*, RSOC, as Honorary Chief Editor of this journal.

2 Time Series of RSOC

The time series data of articles and notes from RSOC are described in Fig. 1. The rate of acceptance was 70% in 2018. The editorial board continually receives submissions related to computer science and social science from all over the world.

The submitted manuscripts were peer-reviewed by two anonymous referees. The editors at RSOC decided to accept, reject, or conditionally accept based on the reports from the referees. Average review period is about 22 weeks. The longest reviewing time was 44 weeks, but this was an extraordinary case. The shortest reviewing time was 8 weeks in 2018.

Authors were requested to revise their manuscript according to the referees' comments, suggestions, and questions. In certain cases, the editorial board promoted a manuscript to an Article or demoted it to a Research Note. For Volume 12 in 2018, this did not happen. 100% of the accepted manuscripts for Volume 12 were accepted conditionally. In 2018, the authors were supposed to return the revised manuscript with answers to the referees' remarks within 2–4 weeks. This deadline was very difficult for the authors, but all of them succeeded within this requirement.

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Fig. 1 Time series of RSOC articles and notes (Except Editorial Notes and Newsletters)

The affiliated institutes of the authors are located in Japan, Greece, India, Thailand, and Algeria.

3 Full Text Article Requested

In Fig. 2, the number of full article requests through the Internet between January 2014 and December 2017 is shown monthly. Obviously, the academic calendars of universities effect the downloading of article requests. January and December show the most downloads for PDF file article requests from scholars and graduate students all over the world.

In Fig. 3, the number of full article requests through the Internet between 2010 and 2017 is also shown annually.

4 Geographical Distribution of Downloads

In Fig. 4, the geographical distribution of downloading article requests is reported. The editorial board is located in Osaka, Japan. 78.6% of the members of the editorial board are professors affiliated with universities in Japan. Therefore, it is reasonable that almost all article requests were from the Asia-Pacific area in 2009. However,

Fig. 2 Full-text article requests Jan 2014–Apr 2018

Fig. 3 Time series of RSOC full-text article requests

in 2017, the requests from North America and Europe have increased to 37% from 20% in 2012.

The editorial board is satisfied with the increasing area variety of full text article requests, especially from Europe, North America and Middle East.

Fig. 4 Full text article requests by geography: 2017

5 Rank of Articles Cited and Downloaded

The ranking of article citations between 2007 and 2016 is described in Table 1. The top articles are by Tsumoto and Tsumoto [1, 2] about medical statistics. The third most cited article is by Jorgenson and Vu [3] about econometrics. The fourth article is by Yada et al. [4] regarding management science. The fifth most cited article is by Takizawa et al. [5] of computer science. The sixth article is by Ukai and Takemura [6] about econometrics and computer science. The seventh article is Lin and Hong [7] regarding management science.

The variety of the academic fields has been amazing. However, all the articles are related to computer science nowadays.

The ranking of full text article downloading in 2017 is summarized in Table 2. It is very interesting to the editorial board to see the difference between the citation and the downloading. We are waiting for the submission of the statistical research concerning this time, the discrepancy.

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Table 1 Top 7 articles cited in Google Scholar in October 2018

Author (s)	Title	Volume(issue) year	Citations
Tsumoto, Y. Tsumoto, S.	Exploratory univariate analysis on the characterization of a University Hospital: A preliminary step to data-mining-based hospital management using an exploratory univariate analysis of a University Hospital	4(2) 2010	38
Tsumoto, Y., Tsumoto, S.	Correlation and regression analysis for characterizations of a University Hospital	5(2) 2011	38
Jorgenson, D. W., Vu, K. M.	Projecting world economic growth: The contribution of information technology	3(2) 2009	22
Yada, K. et al.	Modeling bank runs in financial crises	3(1) 2009	18
Takizawa, A. et al.	An emergency evacuation planning model using the university quickest flow	6(1) 2012	17
Ukai, Y., Takemura, T.	Spam mails impede economic growth	1(2) 2007	16
Lin M. H., Hong C. F.	Opportunities for crossing the chasm between early adopters and early majority through new uses of innovative products	5(2) 2011	15

Table 2 Top 4 articles downloaded in 2017

Author (s)	Title	Volume(issue) year	Requests
Merve Mitik et al.	Data mining approach for direct marketing of banking products with profit/cost analysis	11(1) 2017	246
Ayano Fujiwara	Who works at the interface in knowledge spillover across organizational boundaries?	11(1) 2017	221
Hiroki Idota et al.	The effectiveness of social media for business activities in Japanese firms	11(1) 2017	180
Md. Ezazul Islam et al.	An approach to security for unstructured big data	10(2) 2016	103

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